



Resolution proposed by Paul Gray Audubon of Florida

"Whereas, artificially restricted water level fluctuations in the Kissimmee Chain of Lakes have created environmental problems,

WRAC recommends that the Governing Board directs:

1. SFWMD work in conjunction with USACE, FWCC, and other interested parties, to develop a "Kissimmee Upper Chain of Lakes Long Term Management Plan" that presents alternatives for managing water levels that:
  - a. recognize existing constraints of the present system,
  - b. maximize environmental health of the lakes through adaptive protocols that control stage regulations to mimic natural water level patterns both in timing and magnitude (within constraints of item a.),
  - c. incorporate long range weather forecasts,
  - d. explicitly consider downstream conditions and effects in the Kissimmee River, Lake Okeechobee, the Estuaries, and the Everglades, and
  - e. protects and/or improves the hydrology of the restored Kissimmee River floodplain.
2. Once the study alternatives are completed, they should be brought before WRAC for further consideration."

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